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SUBJECT: SOVIETS PLUG DETENTE IN BUILD-UP FOR
BREZHNEV CUBA VISIT

1. SUMMARY. IN APPARENT BEGINNING TO
BUILD-UP FOR BREZHNEV CUBA VISIT SOVIET PRESS IN LAST
FEW DAYS HAS BEGUN TO BEAT DRUMS FOR DETENTE IN
LATIN AMERICA. IZVESTIYA ARTICLE (DECEMBER 4)
ON LATIN AMERICA AND CHILEAN EVENTS TAKES VIEW THAT,
DESPITE SETBACK IN CHILE, DETENTE HAS IMPROVED
POSITION OF FORCES FOR "PROGRESS AND INDEPENDENCE"
IN LATIN AMERICA. PRAVDA ARTICLE BY CUBAN WRITER
JUAN MARINELLO AND REPORT OF SPEECH BY CUBAN DEPUTY
MINISTER OF ARMED FORCES ALSO STRESS POSITIVE ASPECTS OF
SOVIET "PEACE POLICY." END SUMMARY.

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2. IZVESTIYA ARTICLE (BY PROF. GONIONSKIY) SAYS THAT,

THANKS TO SOVIET PEACE POLICY, POSITION OF LATINAMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS HAS GROWN STRONGER AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH TWO WORLD SOCIAL SYSTEMS CONFRONT ONE ANOTHER ARE CHANGING. GONIONSKIY EMPHASIZES THAT ALLENDE ELECTION SHOWED NEW ALIGNMENT OF FORCES IN LATIN AMERICA. HE DEALS WITH ALLENDE'S FALL, NOT AS CONTRADICTING SOVIET VIEW OF LA DEVELOPMENTS, BUT AS CONFIRMATION OF "MARXIST-LENIST CONCLUSION" THAT REVOLUTION MUST BE ABLE TO DEFEND ITSELF AND AS PROOF THAT IMPROVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE HAS NOT LESSENED CLASS STRUGGLE.

3. CHILE, ACCORDING TO GONIONSKIY, ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF ROLE OF LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY WHICH AUTHOR DIVIDES INTO TWO GROUPS: THE REACTIONARY DICTATORIAL REGIMES REIGNING IN INTERESTS OF IMPERIALISTS AND TRADITIONAL LATIN OLIGARCHY AND NEW TYPE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENTS OPPOSING IMPERIALISM AND SUPPORTING REFORM AND INDEPENDENCE. CHILEAN EXPERIENCE, GONIONSKIY SAYS, SHOWS HOW SERIOUSLY IMPERIALISTS --- SPECIFICALLY PENTAGON AND U.S. MONOPOLIES --- REPLY ON REACTIONARY LATIN MILITARY WHOSE CONSERVATISM THEY TRY TO STRENGTHEN. HOWEVER, IN SEVERAL STATES (E.G. PERU, PANAMA, ECUADOR) LATIN MILITARY HAS BECOME NATIONALISTIC AND SOME OF REGIMES, TAKING LESSON FROM THEIR ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTERPARTS, HAVE SEEN THEIR ROLE AS LEADING NATIONAL REVOLUTION. THESE DEVELOPMENTS, TOGETHER WITH EVENTS LIKE RETURN OF PERON IN ARGENTINA AND GROWING DEMAND BY LATIN AMERICAN STATES FOR EQUALITY WITH U.S., TESTIFY TO FACT THAT REACTIONARY MILITARY DICTATORIAL REGIMES HAVE NO PROSPECTS AND LATIN LIBERATION MOVEMENT IS CONSTANTLY GROWING BROADER.

4. ARTICLES ON CUBA ALSO PLUG SUPPORT FOR DETENTE AS NECESSARY FOR LATIN DEVELOPMENT. PIECE BY CUBAN WRITER MARINELLO (PRAVDA, DECEMBER 5) SAYS CUBAN AND LATIN PEOPLE NEED PEACE AND, THANKS TO SOVIET "PEACE POLICY," MANKIND NOW LIVING IN ATMOSPHERE OF DECLINING TENSION. PRAVDA DECEMBER 6 ALSO CARRIES HAVANA TASS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITEM REPORTING SPEECH BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF ARMED FORCES GONZALES AS CREDITING SOVIET PEACE POLICY WITH RELAXATION OF TENSION AND THANKING SOVIETS FOR AID WHICH HAS BUILT POWERFUL CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ARMY.

5. COMMENT: SOVIET SPECIALIST ON WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT RECENTLY ASSERTED TO US THAT ONE OF QUESTIONS NOW AGITATING THE MOVEMENT IS INTERPRETATION OF

CHILEAN EVENTS, WITH THOSE FAVORING NON-PEACEFUL PATH
POINTING TO ALLENDE'S DOWNFALL TO SUPPORT THEIR POINT.
SINCE CUBANS MAY BE INCLINED TO THAT VIEW, WE ASSUME
SOVIET PROPAGANDISTS WILL BE ENGAGED IN SOME SOFTENING
UP EFFORTS BEFORE THE VISIT.DUBS

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